

**Walla Walla River Watershed Chlorinated Pesticides and PCB's TMDL
Advisory Group Meeting
Feb. 8, 2005, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
Washington State Department of Transportation, Conference Center,
Walla Walla, WA.**

Advisory Group members in attendance:

Bob Carson, Whitman Geology
Jean Dolling, landowner
Stuart Durfee, Gardena Farms Irrigation District
Elena Escalante, Walla Walla County Health District
Greg Farrens, Walla Walla Community College
Rich Garcia, Walla Walla County Health District
Bill Putnam, City of College Place
Yancey Reser, landowner
Leonard Rizzuti, farmer/landowner
Linda Sutor, landowner
John Warinner, Walla Walla Watershed Alliance

Agenda items for the meeting were as follows:

- Welcome and introductions
- Review of the TMDL process
- Advisory Group ground rules and operating procedure
- Discussion about the chlorinated pesticides and PCB's TMDL SIS submittal report

Welcome and introductions:

Karin Baldwin and Donovan Gray from Ecology introduced themselves and welcomed all advisory group members to the first advisory group meeting for the chlorinated pesticides and PCB TMDL. Every member took turns introducing themselves to the rest of the group.

Review of the TMDL process:

Karin Baldwin gave a short 'TMDL 101' power point presentation. As part of the presentation Karin also summarized the findings of the Walla Walla TMDL technical report for Chlorinated pesticides and PCB's and touched on the creation and structure of the Summary Implementation Strategy report (SIS), Development Implementation Plan (DIP) and the effectiveness monitoring after 5 years. Ecology emphasized the need for public involvement in the TMDL process through the Advisory Group, but underscored the point that the Advisory Group has no decision making authority. Ecology pointed out that the geographical scope of the TMDL was restricted to the Washington State side of the basin because of jurisdictional boundaries. Advisory group members emphasized the need for interagency and cross border communication to ensure water quality standards are met basin wide. The advisory group also recommended that there was perhaps a need for further education/outreach regarding the TMDL process in the Walla Walla basin area as it was not well understood generally. Karin explained that the current TMDL is for

only one component of the water quality problem (Chlorinated pesticides and PCB's) and that the other factors (temperature, pH, and dissolved oxygen for example) would be addressed at a later date (yet to be determined) in two separate technical reports. Karin explained that the staggered approach to TMDL implementation was dependent on when the technical reports for those factors were publicized.

Advisory Group ground rules and operating procedure:

The Advisory Group discussed the ground rules and operating procedure of the group for future meetings. The group came to the following decision that the example of ground rules and operating procedures, presented to the advisory group by Ecology in the form of a hand-out (shown here as an attachment), would be adopted by the group with some changes and additions:

1. A quorum will not apply
2. Decisions will be reached by a consensus of 50 % plus 1
3. Substitutes for acting members will be allowed
4. For those members having failed to attend 2 or more meetings, the advisory group has the right to *consider* their dismissal from the group.
5. The function of the group is solely an advisory one and as such does not have any decision making authority in the TMDL process.
6. The advisory group reserves the right to request guest speakers to give presentations to the group on topics of concern on the TMDL process.
7. The advisory group can reconsider the ground rules and operating procedures at any time in the future.
8. Ecology's TMDL lead at the time will lead proceedings of the advisory group meetings
9. Ecology's TMDL lead will keep meeting notes and manage the advisory group mailing list

Discussion about the Chlorinated pesticides and PCB's TMDL SIS submittal report:

Karin Baldwin of Ecology gave a brief outline of purpose and content of the chlorinated pesticides and PCB TMDL submittal report. She explained that the SIS report summarizes information in the previous technical report and includes suggestions as to what organizations can be called upon to implement recommended remedial actions outlined in that report. Karin emphasized that Ecology is required to have the report submitted to the EPA for review by June 2005. The advisory group agreed that in order to meet the deadline Ecology would have to act fast and to speed up the process it would be advisable if Ecology compiled the report by taking information from other existing plans (for example the Walla Walla watershed planning unit plan). Ecology agreed to try and have draft SIS report available and distribute to advisory group members for internal review only, by the first week of March. This will hopefully give members sufficient time to review the report before the advisory group meeting.

Next Meeting Date, Time and Place:

The next meeting will be Tuesday, March 15th at 6pm. The venue is yet to be determined.